PETITION FOR SPECIAL EXCEPTION \* BEFORE THE NE/S Reisterstown Rd., between 10300 Reisterstown Road

Rosewood La. & Owing Mills Blvd. \* ZONING COMMISSIONER \* OF BALTIMORE COUNTY 4th Election District 3rd Councilmanic District Legal Owner: Garrison Forest \* Case No. 94-187-X

Associates, Inc. Contract Purchaser/Lessee: Discovery Zone Ltd. Partnership \* \* \* \* \* \* \* \* \* \*

## FINDINGS OF FACT AND CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

This matter comes before the Zoning Commissioner as a Petition for Special Exception for the property known as the Garrison Forest Shopping Plaza located at 10300 Reisterstown Road in Owings Mills. The Petition is filed by Garrison Forest Associates, Limited Partnership, property owner and Discovery Zone Limited Partnership, Lessee. Relief is requested, pursuant to Sections 233.4 and 423.B the Baltimore County Zoning Regulations

Appearing at the requisite public hearing held for this case was Cheryl Mizzer, District Manager for the Mid Atlantic District of the Discovery Zone Limited Partnership. Also appearing was Bruce Levin on behalf of the property owner. Neil Tucker and Richard L. Smith also appeared in support of the Petition. The Petitioner was represented by Robert A. Hoffman, Esquire. There were no Protestants present.

Testimony and evidence presented was that the subject site is 10.39 acres in net area and is split zoned B.M. and B.L.-C.N.S. The predominant zoning of the property is B.M. The property is presently in use as a neighborhood shopping center. The property has been utilized in this fashion and built out for some time. Traditional shopping center uses are predominant throughout the center including a bank, numerous retail operations, a bowling alley, etc.

The co-Petitioner, Discovery Zone Limited Partnership, proposes leasing an area of the shopping center to implement a Discovery Zone children's activity center. This is the second Discovery Zone activity project proposed for Baltimore County; the first being located in Golden Ring area. This Zoning Commissioner considered and approved the special exception request for that use and, thus, well familiar with the business of Discov-

Counsel for the Petitioner proffered that the proposed use at the subject site will be identical to the Golden Ring operation. This is a business engaged to provide activities for small children (under 12 years of age) and their families. Specifically, the area will be converted to a gymnasium type facility and furnished with equipment to promote physical fitness for small children. Facilities are also available to host birthday and similar parties for children. A limited menu is offered including pizza and similar fast food type items.

An arcade is defined by Section 101 of the B.C.Z.R. as a use of a building in which five (5) or more pinball machines, video games or similar player operated amusement devices are maintained. Although there is no doubt that the drafters of the B.C.Z.R. envisioned arcades as video game centers, the definition does technically fit the proposed use here. However, it is important to note that the atmosphere provided at the Discovery Zone will be tamily oriented and geared for small children, as opposed to teenagers and young adults. Nonetheless, the Petitioner must satisfy the standards set forth in Sections 502.1 and 423 of the B.C.Z.R. in order for the use to be permitted.

Those sections require that the use be allowed as a sole principal use or in combination with other entertainment/recreational uses for so long as same does not detrimentally affect the health, safety and general welfare

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of the locale. Specific standards to be applied are fully described in Sections 502.1.A thru H of the B.C.Z.R.

Based on the testimony and evidence presented, all of which is uncontradicted, it is abundantly clear that the proposed use is compatible with this locale and should be granted. In fact, the use will be an asset to this shopping center and the surrounding community. It satisfies a real need for recreational opportunities for young children. Thus, the proposed special exception shall be granted.

Pursuant to the advertisement, posting of the property, and public hearing on this Petition held, and for the reasons given above, the relief requested should be granted.

THEREFORE, IT IS ORDERED by the Zoning Commissioner of Baltimore Coun-1 May of December, 1993 that, pursuant to a Petition for Special Exception, approval to allow an arcade in a B.M. and B.L.-C.N.S. zone, be and is hereby GRANTED, subject, however, to the following restriction which is a condition precedent to the relief granted herein:

> 1. The Petitioner may apply for its building permit and be granted same upon receipt of this Order; however, Petitioner is hereby made aware that proceeding at this time is at its own risk until such time as the 30 day appellate process from this Order has expired. If, for whatever reason, this Order is reversed, the Petitioner would be required to return, and be responsible for returning, said property to its original condition.

> > Zoning Commissioner for Baltimore County

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Petition for Special Exception

to the Zoning Commissioner of Baltimore County Garrison Forest Plaza, 10300 Reisterstown Road for the property located at Owings Mills, Maryland 21117 which is presently zoned BM & BL-CNS

This Petition shall be filed with the Office of Zoning Administration & Development Management. The undersigned, legal owner(s) of the property situate in Baltimore County and which is described in the description and plat attached hereto and made a part hereof, hereby petition for a Special Exception under the Zoning Regulations of Baltimore County, to use the herein described property for an arcade pursuant to Section 233.4 and Section 423.B of the Baltimore County Zoning Regulations.

Property is to be posted and advertised as prescribed by Zoning Regulations. I, or we, agree to pay expenses of above Special Exception advertising, posting, etc., upon filing of this petition, and further agree to and are to be bound by the zoning regulations and restrictions of Baltimore County adopted pursuant to the Zoning Law for Baltimore County.

I/We do solemnly declare and affirm, under the penalties of perjury, that I/we are the

Discovery Zone Limited Partnership Garrison Forest Associates, L. P. Signature Solomon A. Spetner, President M. Leo Storeh Management Corporation, Director of Real Estate

65 Madison Avenue, Ste. 330

Morristown, New Jersey 07960

Robert A. Hoffman

Towson, Maryland 21204

No REVIEW

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7 N. Calvert Street Munsey Building, Suite 1018 752-2959 Baltimore, Maryland 21208 \* or Print Name) Venable, Baetjer & Howard

(Type or Print Name) General Partner

City State Zipcode
Name, Address and phone number of legal owner, compact purchaser or representative Robert A. Hoffman, Esquire

Towson, Maryland 21204 494-6200

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DISCOVERY ZONE AT GARRISON FOREST PLAZA 4TH BLECTION DISTRICT BALTIMORE COUNTY, MARYLAND

ZONING DESCRIPTION

COMMENCING FOR THE SAME at the intersection of the centerlines of Rosewood Lane 33 feet wide, and Reisterstown Road 66 feet wide, thence running on the centerline of Reisterstown Road

- 1) North 47 degrees 29 minutes 45 seconds West 566.66 feet, thence leaving said road and running on the Fire Station Lot
- 2) North 41 degrees 55 minutes 44 seconds East 220.84 feet and
- 3) North 47 degrees 53 minutes 15 seconds West 60.00 feet to the Point of Beginning thence running around the Discover Zone Parcel 10 courses,
- North 47 degrees 53 minutes 15 seconds West 192.00 feet, thence
- North 42 degrees 12 minutes 14 seconds East 279.00 feet, thence
- South 47 degrees 47 minutes 46 seconds East 102.00 feet,
- South 42 degrees 12 minutes 14 seconds West 7.60 feet, thence
- 5) South 47 degrees 47 minutes 46 seconds East 12.00 feet, thence 6) South 42 degrees 12 minutes 14 seconds West 10.00 feet, thence
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- South 42 degrees 12 minutes 14 seconds West 176.40 feet, thence
- 9) South 47 degrees 47 minutes 46 seconds East 71.00 feet, thence



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10) South 42 degrees 12 minutes 14 seconds West 84.69 to the Point of Beginning.

Containing 0.908 acres of land more or less.

AP/dgj

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October 28, 1993



Baltimore County Government Zoning Commissioner Office of Planning and Zoning

Suite 113 Courthouse 400 Washington Avenue Towson, MD 21204

(410) 887 4386

December 6, 1993

John Howard, Esquire Robert A. Hoffman, Esquire Venable, Baetjer and Howard 210 Allegheny Avenue Towson, Maryland 21204

> RE: Petition for Special Exception Case No. 94-187-X Property: 10300 Reisterstown Road Legal Owner: Garrison Forest Assoc. Inc. Lessee: Discovery Zone Limited Partnership

Enclosed please find the decision rendered in the above captioned case. The Petition for Special Exception has been granted, in accordance with the attached Order.

In the event the decision rendered is unfavorable to any party, please be advised that any party may file an appeal within thirty (30) days of the date of the Order to the County Board of Appeals. If you require additional information concerning filing an appeal, please feel free to contact our Appeals Clerk at 887-3391.

Zoning Commissioner

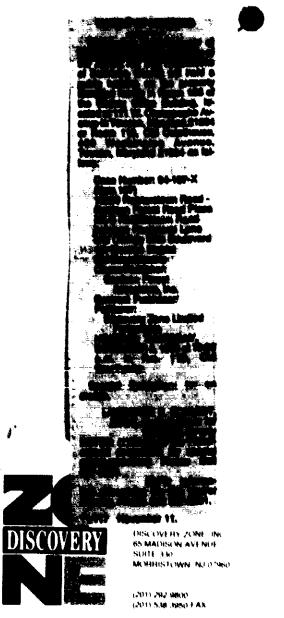
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cc: Cheryl Mizzer, District Mgr., Discovery Zone Ltd. Partnership cc: Bruce Levin, Esquire,

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Special Exception for an arcade.

LAWRENCE E. SCHMIDT ZONING COMMISSIONER FOR BALTIMORE COUNTY

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NOVEMBER 5, 1993

Towson, MD 21204

cc: Garrison Forest Associates, L.P. Discovery Zone Limited Partnership Robert A. Hoffman, Esq.

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Ms. Charlotte Minton Zoning Administration and Development Management County Office Building Room 109 111 W. Chesapeake Avenue

Re: Baltimore County Item No.: 1 15 1 / 1670 x

Towson, Maryland 21204 Dear Ms. Minton:

This office has reviewed the referenced item and we have no objection to approval as it does not access a State roadway and is not effected by any State Highway Administration project.

Please contact Bob Small at 410-333-1350 if you have any questions.

Thank you for the opportunity to review this item.

DAVID N. RATIDEY, ACTING CHIEF John Contestabile, Chief **Engineering Access Permits** 

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INTER-OFFICE CORRESPONDENCE

Arnold Jablon, Director Zoning Administration and Development Management

DATE: November 15, 1993

Pat Keller, Deputy Director Office of Planning and Zoning

SUBJECT: Petitions from Zoning Advisory Committee

The Office of Planning and Zoning has no comments on the following petition(s): Item Nos. 187, 191, 195, 196, 197, 198 and 199.

If there should be any further questions or if this office can provide additional information, please contact Jeffrey Long in the Office of Planning at 887-3480.

Division Chief:

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**Baltimore County Government** Department of Permits and Licenses



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Ar Bod don ald Don 21204 Director Zoning Administration and Development Management Baltimore County Office Building

111 West Chesapeake Avenue

Towson, MD 21204

MEETING OF NOVEMBER 8, 1993

Property Owner: Dori Eisenacher and Rick Eisenacher #7512 Gilley Terrace Location: Item No.: \*178 (jjs)

Property Owner: Harry H. Stierhoff, Jr. & Melanie K. Stierhoff Location: #305 Lenora Avenue Item No.: \*179 (RT)

Property Owner: Perry Hall Courts II Joint Venture Location: #6 Meadowbank Court Item No.: 180 (RT)

Property Owner: Regent Development Company Location: #1600 York Road Item No.: + 182 (JJLS)

Property Owner: Rolling Road Plaza, Inc. #1100 North Rolling Road Location: Item No.: + 183 (JCM)

Property Owner: Frederic W. Shaffer & Cynthia A. Shaffer #1218 Second Road Location: Item No.: \* 184 (JLL) Property Owner: Martin Thalia Resnick & Thalia D. Resnick

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#9212 Harford Road Item No.: +186 (JLL) Property Owner: Garrison Forest Associates, L.P. Location:

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Office of Zoning Administration and Development Management

Robert A. Hoffman, Esquire Venable, Baetjer & Howard 210 West Pennsylvania Avenue Towson, Maryland 21204

> RE: Case No. 94-187-X, Item No. 187 Petitioner: Garrison Forest Associates, L.P. Petition for Special Exception

Dear Mr. Hoffman:

111 West Chesapeake Avenue

Towson, MD 21204

The Zoning Plans Advisory Committee (ZAC) has reviewed the plans submitted with the above referenced petition. The attached comments from each reviewing agency are not intended to indicate the appropriateness of the zoning action requested, but to assure that all parties, i.e., zoning commissioner, attorney and/or the petitioner, are made aware of plans or problems with regard to the proposed improvements that may have a bearing on this case.

Enclosed are all comments submitted thus far from the members of ZAC that offer or request information on your petition. If additional comments are received from other members of ZAC, I will forward them to you. Otherwise, any comment that is not informative will be placed in the hearing file. This petition was accepted for filing on October 28, 1393, and a hearing was scheduled accordingly.

The following comments are related only to the filing of future zoning petitions and are aimed at expediting the petition filing process with this office.

1. The director of Zoning Administration and Development Management has instituted a system whereby seasoned zoning attorneys who feel that they are capable of filing petitions that comply with all aspects of the zoning regulations and petitions filing requirements can file their petitions with this office without the necessity of a preliminary review by zoning personnel.

> **Baltimore County Government** Office of Zoning Administration and Development Management

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November 16, 1993

Robert A. Hoffman, Esquire Venable, Baetjer and Howard 210 Allegheny Avenue Towson, MD 21204

> RE: Preliminary Petition Review (Item #187) Legal Owner: Garrison Forest Associates, L.P. Contract Purchaser: Discovery Zone Limited Partnership 10300 Reisterstown Road (Garrison Forest Plaza) 4th Election District

111 West Chesapeake Avenue

Towson, MD 21204

At the request of the attorney/petitioner, the above referenced petition was accepted for filing without a final filing review by the staff. The plan was accepted with the understanding that all zoning issues/filing requirements would be addressed. A subsequent review by the staff has revealed unaddressed zoning issues and/or incomplete information. The following comments are advisory and do not necessarily identify all details and inherent technical zoning requirements necessary for a complete application. As with all petitions/plans filed in this office, it is the final responsibility of the petitioner to make a proper application, address any zoning conflicts and, if necessary, to file revised petition materials. All revisions (including those required by the hearing officer) must be accompanied by a check made out to Baltimore County, Maryland for the \$100.00 revision fee.

The general note makes reference only to the site standards of the entire shopping center, while the area under zoning hearing special exception request is not referenced even for the .908 acres referenced in in the zoning description. Special exception area and required/provided parking in the area should be included as the special exception area must be shown to be self-sufficient.

Robert A. Hoffman, Esquire November 16, 1993

> A special hearing to amend the last approved zoning case site plan would be appropriate to formally bring this revised plan into current approved status and avoid plan conflicts.

If you need further information or have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me at 887-3391.

John H. Lewis

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Enclosure (receipt)

cc: Zoning Commissioner

VENABLE, BAETJER AND HOWARD ATTORNEYS AT LAW A PARTNERSHIP INCLUDING PROFESSIONAL CORPORATIONS BALTIMORE, MD WASHINGTON, D.C. MCLEAN, VA ROCKVILLE, MD 210 ALLEGHENY AVENUE P.O. BOX 5517 TOWSON, MARYLAND 21285-5517 (410) 494-6200 FAX (410) BZI-0147 October 28, 1993 (410) 494-6262 ROBERT A. HOFFMAN Arnold Jablon, Director Office of Zoning Administration and Development Management County Office Building 111 W. Chesapeake Avenue Towson, Maryland 21204 Re: The Discovery Zone - Garrison Forest Plaza Location Special Exception Petition Dear Mr. Jablon: On behalf of The Discovery Zone, I am writing to request an expedited hearing date for the above-referenced project and your acceptance of the enclosed filing package. The Discovery Zone is seeking a special exception for their proposed use to be located at the Garrison Forest Plaza on Reisterstown Road in Baltimore County, The Discovery Zone is a children's "fun center" where children can climb through tunnels and foam mountains, swim in giant ball baths, jump on air beds, and run through mazes and obstacle courses. Although the Discovery Zone is in reality an indoor playground, it is defined as an "arcade" under the Baltimore County Zoning Regulations because there are coin-operated games on the premises. In addition to the indoor playground area, the Discovery Zone includes a large room for private birthday parties and group events as well as a snack bar, game room, and a special area for parents to wait while their youngsters play. Under the Discovery Zone concept, physical fitness, safety and imagination are emphasized. The necessity for an expedited hearing has resulted from some unexpected delays encountered by the engineers in obtaining the information necessary to complete the special exception site plan. Because the Discovery Zone had no way of knowing that the engineers would encounter these delays, the Discovery Zone has already expended

Arnold Jablon, Director
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substantial sums of money in leasing space inside the Garrison Forest
Plaza and on other project costs. Due to these financial
obligations, the Discovery Zone has already made plans for a grand
opening on December Ird. Hence, your approval of an expedited
hearing date is extremely important to the Discovery Zone and would
be most appreciated, as it will allow them to hold their grand
opening on time and stay on schedule with respect to the financial
obligations they have already incurred.

Should you have any questions, please do not hesitate to give me
a call.

Sincerely,

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Robert A. Hoffman

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